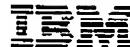


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C: Remarks:

The undersigned received a communication from Examiner Trimmings on June 1, 2005 and which confirmed the allowability of the claims after the suggested change in Claim 8. The suggestion of the prior amendment that language relating to "introducing said data into an inaccessible latch in a stuck-at fault LSSD chain"..and then to trigger a change in state of at least one of the memory units in the shift register scan path that is detectable at the output of the shift register scan path for the purpose of locating stuck-at fault bits in said stuck-at fault LSSD chain has been introduced and is retained into each independent claim. This is acknowledged in the art.

It is respectfully submitted that the application should be in final condition for allowance which is respectfully requested.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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